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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 VIENTIANE 7023

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PGOV, PFOR, PINS, PINT, LA
SUBJECT: THE LAO WEEKLY SITREP - OCTOBER 11

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW,
388 TFW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2
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BEGIN SUMMARY: LPF CONTINGENTS, EACH CONSISTING OF ABOUT
80-100 MEN, ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN VIENTIANE (OCTOBER 12)
AND LUANG PRABANG (OCTOBER 15). SOVIET AN-12. WILL TRANS-
PORT GROUP TO VIENTIANE AND PRC IS CARRYING PERSONNEL TO
LUANG PRABANG ABOARD IL-14. CURRENT SESSION OF NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY HAS, WITH KING'S CONCURRENCE, BEEN EXTENDED TO
NOVEMBER 7, AND PRIME MINISTER HAS REPORTEDLY URGED LPF
TO PROVIDE A LIST OF ITS CABINET MEMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
SENIOR UK FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL, IN VIENTIANE TO STUDY
ICC SITUATION, HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE CANADIANS AND
INDIANS HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WHICH WILL SATISFY RE-
QUIREMENTS CANADIANS HAVE POSED FOR EXPANDED PARTICIPA-
TION IN ICC/LAOS. FOUR MILITARY INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED
DURING THE WEEK. END SUMMARY

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I. IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT

A. ARRIVAL OF LPF PERSONNEL

PACE OF ACTIVITY PICKED UP IN FOURTH WEEK AFTER
SIGNING OF PROTOCL, AS PLANS WERE PUT INTO MOTION FOR
ARRIVAL OF LPF PERSONNEL IN VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG.
RLG MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, OCTOBER 11, TRANSMITTED TO
APPROPRIATE COMMANDS MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER INFORM-

ING THEM THAT SOVIET AN-12 WILL CARRY ABOUT 80-100 LPF PERSONNEL FROM HANOI TO VIENTIANE, OCTOBER 12, AND THAT SIMILAR NUMBER WILL BE ARRIVING LUANG PRABANG FROM SAM NEUA ABOARD PRC IL-14S ON OCTOBER 159?(LPF RADIO, INCIDENTALLY, REPORTED THAT ON OCTOBER 10 "FIRST CONTINGENT OF LPF CADRES, COMBATANTS AND WORKERS...LEFT SAM NEUA FOR HANOI TO BOARD SOVIET AND PRC PLANES FOR LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE." THESE PEOPLE ARE APPARENTLY "ASSISTANTS, SPECIALISTS AND SECURITY PERSONNEL," 100 OF WHOM MAY, UNDER PROTOCOL ARTICLE XXI(D), BE ASSIGNED TO JCIA BY EACH SIDE.) PRIME MINISTER DIRECTED COMMANDS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR LPF PERSONNEL TO QUARTERS (BUT SPECIFICALLY NOT TO PUT VEHICLES AT THEIR DISPOSITION) AND TO TAKE STRICT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT ANY INCIDENTS. (INCIDENTALLY, FIRST LPF CONTINGENT WILL ARRIVE IN VIENTIANE ON DAY LPF CONSIDERS ITS "NATIONAL DAY"...OCTOBER 12, ANNIVERSARY OF FORMATION OF FIRST PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IN Y945.)

WHILE ARRIVAL OF LPF PERSONNEL IN VIENTIANE HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED, TIMING AND MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GROUP GOING TO LUANG PRABANG WAS SOMEWHAT UNEXPECTED. EARLY THIS WEEK, CHAIRMAN OF RLG DELEGATION TO JCIA, SOUKAN VILAYSARN, WENT TO LUANG PRABANG TO LOCATE OFFICE AND LIVING QUARTERS FOR LPF COMMISSION PERSONNEL. HE WAS APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL, SINCE, ON OCTOBER 11, ELEVEN-MEMBER GROUP--INCLUDING RLG AND LPF JCIA PERSONNEL AND TWO PRC EMBASSY OFFICERS--FLEW TO LUANG PRABANG TO MAKE FURTHER ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS. FOUR PRC TECHNICIANS ARRIVED VIENTIANE TODAY AND WILL GO TO LUANG PRABANG, OCTOBER 12, WHERE THEY WILL HANDLE NECESSARY GROUND SERVICES FOR PRC AIRCRAFT.

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B. JOINT COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCIA) APART FROM INVOLVEMENT IN PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL OF LPF SECURITY PERSONNEL, JCIA IS GRADUALLY TAKING ADDITIONAL STEPS TO GET ORGANIZED. A GROUP OF EIGHT LPF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN JCIA STAFF MEMBERS ARRIVED IN VIENTIANE FROM SAM NEUA, OCTOBER 9, AND DELEGATION CHAIRMEN MET SAME DAY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FULL DELEGATIONS MET OCTOBER 11, PRESUMABLY TO REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARRIVAL OF LPF PERSONNEL.

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II. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION EXTENDED

KING HAS INFORMED PRIME MINISTER THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO DEFERRING ADJOURNMENT OF CURRENT SESSION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY UNTIL NOVEMBER 7; ASSEMBLY'S STANDING COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 10, RECONFIRMED THAT IT IS AGREEABLE TO THE EXTENSION. ADDITIONAL FOUR WEEKS WILL, OF COURSE, GIVE ASSEMBLY AND PRIME MINISTER MORE TIME TO WORK OUT PROCEDURE FOR "CLEARING" FEBRUARY AGREEMENT AND SEPTEMBER PROTOCOL, AND, IF LPF WERE TO COOPERATE, COULD ALSO AFFORD OPPORTUNITY FOR SOUVANNA TO SUBMIT LIST OF MINISTERS IN NEW PGNU TO ASSEMBLY. RLG SPOKESMAN, OCTOBER 11, STATED THAT RLG IS STILL WAITING FOR PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG TO SEND A LIST OF LPF CABINET MEMBERS TO THAT NEW PGNU COULD BE FORMED BY NOVEMBER 7. SPOKESMAN SAID SOUVANNA, OCTOBER 10, URGED LPF REPRESENTATIVE SOUK VONGSAK TO ASK SOUPHANOUVONG TO PROVIDE A LIST OF CABINET MEMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (COMMENT: IT IS STILL DOUBTFUL THAT LPF, WHICH DOES NOT RECOGNIZE LEGITIMACY OF CURRENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WILL COOPERATE WITH ANY PLAN TO SEEK ASSEMBLY'S APPROVAL OF ITS MINISTERS.)

III. ICC DEVELOPMENTS

DIRECTOR OF UK FOREIGN OFFICE'S OUTHEAST ASIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, V. W. SQUIRES, CALLED AT EMBASSY, CONFIDENTIAL

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OCTOBER 9, TO DISCUSS ICC/LAOS AFFAIRS. SQUIRES SAID THAT AT THIS POINT HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH CONCRETE PROCEDURES BY WHICH ICC WOULD BE REACTIVATED AND APPROPRIATE DIPLOMATIC TACTICS TO STIMULATE MOST EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION BY ALL SIGNATORY POWERS. SQUIRES ADDED THAT, ON BASIS OF HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH CHIEFS OF ICC MISSIONS IN VIENTIANE, HE CONCLUDED THAT CANADIANS

AND INDIANS HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD SATISFY REQUIREMENTS CANADIANS HAD POSED FOR EXPANDED PARTICIPATION IN ICC/LAOS.

IV. SECURITY SITUATION

ONE MAJOR AND THREE MINOR INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED DURING WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10. THREE INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE IN MR-III, INCLUDING A MAJOR LPF GROUND ATTACK SUPPORTED BY MORTAR FIRE, OCTOBER 7, SEVEN KMS NORTHWEST OF DONG HENE. ENEMY LAUNCHED MINOR ATTACK IN MR-II ON OCTOBER 4 AND SUSTAINED TWO KIA.
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